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# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) San Diego – Fourth Homeless Person Attacked

(U) A homeless man in San Diego was set on fire and critically injured yesterday - the fourth in a series of attacks on transients in the city that have killed two people and are believed to be the work of a single suspect, police said. San Diego police Captain David Nisleit stated in a news conference that witnesses to the latest attack saw an individual crouched over the flaming victim before running away. Police said on 4 July they were seeking a "person of interest" in connection with the attacks.

SOURCE: 6 July 2016, [Associated Press](#)

#### (U) San Jose – Police Seize \$5 Million in Marijuana Plants

(U) Authorities say police seized nearly 1,900 marijuana plants valued at up to \$5 million in a major sweep in San Jose. Police yesterday arrested a couple who investigators claim ran the operation.. Police say the pot-growing operation was spread across seven homes turned into greenhouses, powered by stolen electricity, throughout the city. The landlord for one of the properties reported suspicious activity, which led to the police sweep.

SOURCE: 7 July 2016, [Associated Press](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Arizona – Arizona Man Contacted Terrorist Organization

(U) Tucson— An 18-year-old Tucson man arrested on terrorism charges expressed support for the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and made contact with a terrorist organization about obtaining weapons and bomb-making instructions for an attack, a newly unsealed document shows. Authorities released a previously sealed probable cause statement detailing the circumstances of the arrest of Mahin Khan. Khan was arrested in Tucson on 1 July at his family's home and is being held in Phoenix without bond.

SOURCE: 6 July 2016, [Associated Press](#)

#### (U) District of Columbia – ISIL Expands in Europe, Mideast, North Africa, Asia

(U) Washington – Two years since it shifted from terrorist group to governing organization holding territory, ISIL is expanding to seven emerging areas of Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and Asia, according to a State Department security report. The seven new theaters of operation are Turkey, Tunisia, Lebanon, France, Belgium, Bangladesh and the Philippines. ISIL is active in other locations as well, but the seven locations "represent areas where there is expected to be a continued interest in operating, support networks to do so, and a likelihood for more than a one-off attack," the report states.

SOURCE: 6 July 2016, [The Washington Times](#)

#### (U) New York – Ringleader in \$1 Million StubHub Ticket Cyber Theft Case Sentenced

(U) Manhattan – A Russian ringleader of a group that sneaked into StubHub users' accounts and fraudulently bought sought-after tickets was sentenced in New York to four to 12 years in prison for his

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role in the more than \$1 million scheme. Vadim Polyakov pleaded guilty to money laundering and possessing stolen property and was sentenced yesterday. Prosecutors say Polyakov led a pack of cyberthieves who commandeered over 1,000 StubHub accounts and used credit card information to buy tickets to Broadway shows, sports events and concerts. The group then resold the tickets and pocketed the money.

SOURCE: 7 July 2016, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) Ohio – Terrorism Suspect Charged with Trying to Kill Federal Judge**

(U) Toledo – An Indian citizen awaiting trial on charges of raising money and providing support to al-Qa'ida was indicted yesterday on charges that he solicited the killing of the federal judge in Toledo presiding over his case. Yahya Farooq Mohammad, 38, is charged with soliciting the murder of US District Judge Jack Zouhary. Mohammad told another inmate that he wanted Zouhary kidnapped and killed and was willing to pay \$15,000 to make it happen. He faces charges of attempted first degree murder of a federal officer, solicitation to commit a crime of violence and use of interstate commerce facilities in commission of murder for hire.

SOURCE: 6 July 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) France – Brother of Gunman in Paris Attacks, Recruited by ISIL, Sent to Prison**

(U) Paris – The brother of one of the gunmen who killed 90 people in November at the Bataclan concert hall in Paris was among seven men sentenced to prison yesterday for being part of a criminal conspiracy to carry out terrorist attacks. The man, Karim Mohamed-Aggad, 25, was part of a group that traveled to Syria in 2013 to receive training from members of ISIL. The defendants were sentenced to prison terms of six to nine years, with Karim Mohamed-Aggad receiving the longest sentence. They were tried on charges of taking part in an Islamist recruitment network and of receiving training from the ISIL militant group.

SOURCE: 6 July 2016, [The New York Times](#)

**(U) Germany – Authorities Arrest Algerian Suspected of Helping Paris Attack Ringleader**

(U) Berlin – German police arrested a man suspected of being a member of ISIL and of feeding information to Abdelhamid Abaaoud, who planned last year's Paris attacks, federal prosecutors said today. The 20-year old Algerian identified only as Bilal C., is believed to have been tasked by Abaaoud to check border controls, waiting times and entry and exit points along the 'Balkan route' last year at the height of the migrant crisis. Bilal C. is suspected of being trained by ISIL at the end of 2014 and the first half of 2015 after traveling to Syria from Algeria via Turkey. From June to August 2015, he is thought to have traveled to Syria to Turkey, Greece, Serbia, Hungary and Austria where he informed Abaaoud about open borders before entering Germany.

SOURCE: 7 July 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Nigeria – Three Female Suicide Bombers Thwarted by Nigerian Military**

(U) Monguno – Nigerian soldiers thwarted an attack on 5 July by three female suicide bombers from the Boko Haram extremist group, fatally shooting two as they tried to detonate their explosives near people who have fled their homes because of fighting, the military said. Two civilians were injured in the attack on the outskirts of Monguno town in northeast Nigeria, where Boko Haram is active. Some of the bombers' explosives detonated even though they had been shot, while the third bomber blew herself up in a different area where no one was harmed.

SOURCE: 5 July 2016, [The Washington Post](#)

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